

02 DEPARTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL AND FINANCIAL REGULATION

**288 MAINE STATE BOARD FOR LICENSURE OF ARCHITECTS, LANDSCAPE
ARCHITECTS AND INTERIOR DESIGNERS**

Chapter 12: LICENSURE OF ARCHITECTS

Summary: This chapter sets forth the educational qualifications, experience and examination requirement necessary for licensure as an architect.

1. Overview

Qualifying education is described in Section 2 of this chapter. Qualifying experience is described in Section 3 of this chapter. An applicant qualifies for licensure by satisfying the education and experience requirements set forth in Section 4 of this chapter and by passing the examination described in Section 5 of this chapter. In addition, architects licensed in other jurisdictions may qualify for licensure without examination as described in Section 6 of this chapter.

2. Qualifying Education

1. Professional Degree in Architecture From an Accredited Program

- A. The applicant received a Bachelor of Architecture, Master of Architecture or equivalent or higher degree from an academic institution in the United States and the degree program was accredited by NAAB not later than 2 years after the degree was received;
- B. The applicant received a Bachelor of Architecture, Master of Architecture or equivalent or higher degree from an academic institution in Canada and the degree program was accredited by CACB not later than 2 years after the degree was received; or
- C. The applicant received a Bachelor of Architecture, Master of Architecture or equivalent or higher degree from a Canadian university that was certified by CACB.

2. Professional Degree in Architecture From a Non-Accredited Program

The applicant received a professional degree from an architectural degree program that was neither accredited nor certified as described in Section 2(1) of this chapter, but which satisfied the credit hour and area distribution requirements for coursework set forth in the NCARB Education Standard contained in NCARB Education Guidelines, pp. 23-31 (NCARB January 2012).

3. **Pre-Professional Degree in Architectural Studies**

The applicant received a 4-year baccalaureate degree with a concentration in architecture that is a component of an NAAB-accredited, CACB-accredited or CACB-certified professional degree program, including but not limited to:

- Bachelor of Science in Architecture
- Bachelor of Science in Architectural Studies
- Bachelor of Science with a major in architecture
- Bachelor of Fine Arts in Architecture

4. **Degree in Field Other Than Architecture**

The applicant received a bachelor degree or higher from a regionally-accredited institution in a field other than architecture.

3. **Qualifying Experience**

1. **NCARB Intern Development Program**

The applicant completed the NCARB Intern Development Program of at least 3 years duration. Completion of the internship is deemed equivalent to 3 years of qualifying experience.

2. **Canadian Internship**

The applicant completed a 5600-hour Canadian provincial Internship in Architecture, as verified by the candidate's Canadian Experience Record Book. Completion of the internship is deemed equivalent to 3 years of qualifying experience.

3. **Office Experience**

The applicant acquired practical experience under the direct supervision of an experienced architect or architects engaged in the practice of architecture as a profession, and can demonstrate the minimum experience shown below in each of the following training categories and training areas, which are described more specifically in Intern Development Program Guidelines (NCARB April 2012), pp. 21-31.

For purposes of this subsection, "direct supervision" means supervision through personal contact or through a mix of personal contact and remote communication (e.g. e-mail, online markups, webinars, internet) such that the supervisor has control over the work of the supervisee and has sufficient professional knowledge of the supervised work so that the supervisor can determine that the supervisee understands and is performing his or her work experience within the professional standard of care.

Training Category/ Training Area	Minimum Percentage of Overall Experience
Pre-Design.....	5%
Programming	
Site and Building Analysis	
Project Cost and Feasibility	
Planning and Zoning Regulations	
Design	46%
Schematic Design	
Engineering Systems	
Construction Cost	
Codes & Regulations	
Design and Development	
Construction Documents	
Material Selection and Specification	
Project Management.....	13%
Bidding & Contract Negotiation	
Construction Admin	
Construction Phase Observation	
General Project Management	
Practice Management	1.5%
Business Operations	

4. Education and Experience: Pathways to Licensure

An applicant shall demonstrate an acceptable combination of education and experience, or experience alone, as described in the 4 pathways to licensure contained in this section.

1. Professional Degree and Experience

The applicant received a professional degree in architecture from an accredited or non-accredited program and completed 3 years of qualifying experience.

2. Pre-Professional Degree and Experience

The applicant received a pre-professional degree in architectural studies and completed 9 years of qualifying experience.

3. Degree in Field Other than Architecture and Experience

The applicant received a bachelor degree or higher in a field other than architecture and completed 11 years of qualifying experience.

4. Experience Alone

The applicant has no post-secondary baccalaureate or higher degree and completed 13 years of qualifying experience.

5. Examination

The current examination for architects is the Architect Registration Examination developed by NCARB. Unless examination is waived by law, the applicant must achieve a passing grade on each division of the ARE within any 5-year examination period. The time, place and manner of examination administration shall be as determined by NCARB. Passing grades shall be as determined by NCARB.

6. Licensure without Examination (Reciprocity)

1. With NCARB Certificate

An architect license may be issued without examination to an applicant who is currently licensed in another state and holds a current and valid NCARB certificate.

2. Without NCARB Certificate

An architect license may be issued without examination to an applicant who is currently licensed in another state or foreign country provided that the board determines that the requirements for licensure in the other state or foreign country at the time of the applicant's initial licensure are equivalent to the requirements for licensure by examination contained in this chapter.

7. Display of License Number

1. Advertising and Promotional Materials

An architect shall display the legend "Maine Licensed Architect" in all advertising and promotional materials published by or on behalf of the named architect that relate to architectural services for Maine-located projects. Such materials include but are not limited to telephone directories, newspaper and magazine advertisements, and web sites.

2. Correspondence and Business Cards

An architect shall display the legend "Maine Licensed Architect" on the architect's business card and beneath the architect's name on all professional correspondence, proposals and solicitations signed by or on behalf of the named architect for Maine-located projects.

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